

## Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park

# *Bat Relocation Effort*

The City of Carlsbad will soon begin improvements to Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park. As part of the project, the historic ranch stable will be restored to include a multipurpose space for special events and educational programs.

The stable is currently home to several species of bats. The city recognizes that bats play an important role in our environment. Staff has been working with a biologist to implement a relocation program prior to construction to ensure habitat availability and bat safety.



### **The relocation program includes:**

- Biological surveys conducted to analyze existing bat habitats and relocation needs
- Bat boxes installed nearby to provide habitat for bats currently living in the stable
- Special tent for stable before construction to keep bats from returning once excluded

A biologist will survey the stable to ensure all bats have relocated prior to construction. Bats are generally sensitive to human presence; therefore, they are not likely to roost in inhabited buildings.

For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation Administration at 760-434-2826 or email [parksandrec@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:parksandrec@carlsbadca.gov)

# Bats Are *Your Friends*



Although many people think bats are creepy, they actually play several important roles in our environment.

- Bats feed on insects, many of which are considered pests to humans, including mosquitos, termites and winged ants. Losing one bat could result in billions of dollars in increased pesticide costs and agricultural damages annually.
- Bats play a vital role in pollination, seed dispersal and cave ecology.
- San Diego County is home to about 22 species of bats.
- Bats have a very low birth rate so it can take decades for a colony to recover once it has faced a threat.
- Did you know bats are mammals and more closely related to humans than to rodents?

Please do your part and help protect the bat population.